

Legal Notice
For
Air Quality Operating Permit
for Freeport - Chino Mine of Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Co

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Co at PO Box 10; Bayard, NM 88023 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Chino Mine. The owner of this plant is Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Co. The exact location of the facility is at latitude and longitude decimal degrees: 32.783594, -108.069194 Datum: WGS84. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 3.89 miles NE of Bayard in Grant County, NM. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P066-R3M1 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 526.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is to mine copper ore.

This operating permit application is for a permit modification. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action incorporates changes authorized by NSR 0298-M10 and M10R1, and correct Condition A602.F to remove the applicability to Units CB SCRNG and CH SCRNG.

The emissions, as established in NSR Permit 0298-M10 and brought forward into this permit are as follows. Parentheses note changes in emissions from previous operating permit – P066-R3. Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) at 289.2 tons per year (tpy)(197.9 from Non-Fugitive Sources (NFS) (+4.1)); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 1454.6 tpy (98.3 from NFS) (+0.88); Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 21.7 tpy (16.6 from NFS) (+0.33); Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) at 4.3 tpy (4.0 from NFS) (+0.3); Total Suspended Particulate Matter (TSP) at 9,154.0 tpy (35.0 from NFS) (+0.3), Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) at 2,404.5 tpy (31.8 from NFS) (+0.3), and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM_{2.5}) at 264.9 tpy (25.1 from NFS) (+0.3). The facility is a major, > 75,000 tpy CO₂e, source of greenhouse gas emissions

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance.

The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 3, 7, 22, 61, 72, and 73; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts Dc, GG, LL, IIII, and JJJJ; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A, ZZZZ, and CCCCCC; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before March 7, 2022.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P066-R3M1 by contacting Joseph Kimbrell at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816, or by email at joseph.kimbrell@state.nm.us.

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is currently available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notices-of-permitting-actions/. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Joseph Kimbrell at 505-629-2718. Este es un aviso de la oficina de Calidad del Aire del Departamento del Medio Ambiente de Nuevo México, acerca de las emisiones producidas por un establecimiento en esta área. Si usted desea información en español, por favor comuníquese con esa oficina al teléfono 505-476-5557.

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